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In re Applicant:

Russell A. Wilson et al.

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For: Communicating Objects Between
Users or Applications

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REPLY BRIEF

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Answer mailed December 18, 2003, Paper No. 12, the Appellants respond to the new points raised in the Answer.

On page 9 of the Answer, the Examiner indicates that simply creating a message having an image of a note and dragging and dropping it makes the note a sticky note. This is plainly incorrect.

What is more surprising is that the Examiner claims that this is in accordance with "Appellants' definition" (presumably of a sticky note). The Examiner does not indicate what the basis is for this assertion.

To the contrary, in the specification at page 6, lines 9-13, a sticky note is carefully explained. It is basically a small sheet of note paper with an adhesive upper edge so that it can be tacked onto another document. One common sticky note is the 3M Post-It brand sticky note.

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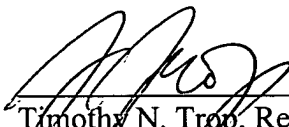
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Surely there is nothing in either of the cited references which can even be remotely described as a sticky note. Since there is no teaching in either reference of the use of a sticky note and in view of the highly advantageous nature of a sticky note, the rejection should be reversed. In particular, the concept of a sticky note intuitively suggests to the user how to work with the notes, therefore, making their use advantageous in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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